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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN  
FOR SLAUGHTER\* HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate (VS 17-140) issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the shipper, name and address of the consignee, and a complete identification of the animals to be exported. It shall also show:

1. The animals are free of signs of and from a herd or stable where the following diseases have not been clinically diagnosed within the preceding 30 days: equine encephalomyelitis, strangles, equine infectious anemia, equine influenza, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine paratyphoid, equine viral arteritis, and contagious equine metritis.
2. The animals have been held under veterinary inspection in a USDA approved facility for at least 7 days prior to shipment. (Date of commencement and completion of the isolation period shall be shown on the certificate.)
3. The name and address of the port of embarkation.

At the port of embarkation, the USDA port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate the "Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals" (VS Form 17-37) showing:

- a. The name and address of the shipper.
- b. The name and address of the importer.
- c. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
- d. A statement that the animals "have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of export and found to be sound, healthy, and free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto," (within 24 hours of exportation).

OTHER INFORMATION

1. All equipment, containers, and vehicles used for transportation of the horses for export shall be cleaned and disinfected with a USDA approved disinfectant.
2. No other animals may be transported with the horses.

\* Slaughter horses are defined by Japan as horses to be slaughtered immediately following release from Japanese import quarantine.